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Seven More Counties Offer On-line Payment for Traffic Citations Through the Nebraska Judicial Branch's New ePayment System

County Courts in Cherry, Cheyenne, Lincoln, Phelps, Antelope, Madison, and Sarpy Counties added themselves to the list of courts offering motorists the option to pay traffic tickets on-line. As of Monday, January 14, drivers who receive payable traffic citations (tickets with a set fine which can be paid without a court appearance) will be able to pay their traffic fines on the Internet through the Nebraska Judicial Branch's new on-line payment system.

The new ePayment system offers individuals a secured on-line location to pay their traffic citations. Motorists can log onto the Judicial Branch Web site, www.supremecourt.ne.gov, and click on the "ePayments" button. Users of ePayment can pay their citations using Visa, MasterCard or Debit cards with the Visa or MasterCard logos. Users are assessed a transaction fee by the vendor.

The first courts to offer ePayments beginning in December 2007 are in the following counties: Boyd, Cass, Colfax, Cuming, Dawson, Hamilton, Holt, Keith, Knox, Lancaster, Merrick, Platte, Saunders, Seward, Stanton, Thayer, Thurston, and Washington.

"The number of drivers who have chosen to use the system thus far is remarkable," said Chief Justice Mike Heavican. "After just one month the ePayment system has been a success in every county. Clearly the on-line payment option is very useful to motorists."

According to State Court Administrator Janice K. Walker, the judicial branch hopes to provide on-line payments for all remaining courts in 2008.

Typical traffic citations that can be paid on-line include: speeding tickets, seat belt violations, driving without current tags, failure to stop at stop sign, and similar offenses of a less serious nature.

However, more serious violations still require court appearances, including: driving on a suspended license, driving while under the influence of alcohol, driving an uninsured vehicle, or driving while impaired by controlled dangerous substances. Motorists may not pay their traffic citation on-line if the citation indicates that they must appear in court.

City and municipal parking citations must be paid to the local municipalities, although many cities have their own on-line ePayment programs.

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